

**MINUTES OF THE COMMONS AND HAMS COMMITTEE MEETING OF
KEMPSEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD ON MONDAY 31ST JANUARY 2011
AT 7.30 p.m. AT KEMPSEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**

PRESENT: - Mr. J Michael (in the Chair)

Mrs. Campbell; Mr. T Ward; Mrs. H. Willcox; Mr. M Legg; Ms Baker and Mrs. Jones

IN ATTENDANCE: Mr. D Harrison and Mr. R Bowley

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:** None

2. **DECLARATION OF INTERESTS:** None

3. **RE-ORGANIZATION OF COMMONS & HAMS COMMITTEE:** Chair requested that he would like to delegate some of the responsibility in dealing with queries and correspondence to various individuals. A three way split was decided upon with Mr. Michael taking responsibility for Ashmoor Common, Kempsey Common and The Hams. Mr. Legg to assist with Kerswell Green and Normoor Common and Mrs. Willcox volunteering to help with Stonehall Common.

4. **MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION:**

1. Ashmoor Common – Is subject to Natural England agreement. Ratification work is required over a three year programme to remove creeping/marsh thistles. Work to commence with the contractor July 2011. Future projects under consideration subject to funding include installing a cattle corral.

2. Stonehall Common – Issues concerning ditching and topping. In addition would like to restore ponds. It was suggested Worcestershire Wildlife may be a good contact to help with funding/expertise/labour.

3. Kempsey Common – Major problem being the illegal turn out of horses. It was suggested via a working party to organize a schedule to identify what is to be grazed i.e. horses, ponies, sheep and to police this to avoid abuse and to consider a charge if no turn out rights held. On going matter concerning posting works and encroachment onto the car park. Signs have been posted requested people do not park.

4. Kerswell Green – Ditching works and repairs to the culvert and being carried out at present.

5. Normoor Common – The pond has been dug out and some ditching work attended to. Some signs are to be erected advising people of Danger Deep Water. The budget expenditure is for works relating to the eastern side which takes preference over the western side.

6. The Hams – The main problem being that we do not have sufficient control over stock. The Parish Council needs to identify who is putting stock on, numbers, whose stock and contact details during the commonable period for identification purposes to assist with any queries.

THERE BEING NO FURTHER BUSINESS, THE CHAIRMAN DECLARED THE MEETING CLOSED AT 8.19 p.m.

Mrs. S Baxter

Clerk and RFO

1ST February 2011